

# Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church

*Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church is committed to welcoming, loving, and embracing all. We open our doors to people regardless of gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, race, ethnicity, mental or physical abilities, neurodiversity, addiction, citizenship status, housing status, or past imprisonment. We acknowledge and honor our different backgrounds and life experiences, and we come together to celebrate the gifts of unity and diversity as one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12). As Jesus loves us, we are called to love one another (John 15:12).*

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*May 7, 2023*  
*First Holy Communion*

A special welcome to all visitors, it is an honor to worship with you!

# *Welcome to Worship at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church!*

**Please turn OFF cell phones and pagers. Thank you!**

## **Worship Information**

Hymns and liturgies for the service today are included in the bulletin. The congregation reads aloud anything in bold print following the “C”. You will note directions in the service for when to stand as you are able or to sit. If you would prefer to remain seated throughout worship, please feel free to do so.

## **Children Welcome!**

Infants and children are encouraged to be present during worship. Youngsters are welcome and valued as important participants in worship and witness!

## **Hospitality**

An elevator is available and can be accessed by taking the ramp at the front of the worship center entering the chapel and turning right. Restrooms are located off the stairwells leading to the Fellowship Hall and also outside the church office. Diaper changing tables have been placed in both the women’s and men’s restrooms off of Fellowship Hall.

## **Trouble Hearing?**

Personal hearing amplifiers are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you.



On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”

## **CENTERING**

*This is an intentional time to find a place of calm and to prepare through silent prayer and contemplation.*

BELLS

WELCOME

LAYING OF HANDS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of heaven and earth, steadfast in love for creation.

**C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as a new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring of mercy, might, and majestic hope.

**C: Empower us with the Holy Spirit and guide us to peace in all of our ways.**

L: Where there is desolation, bring renewal. Where there is despair, grant hope. Where there is war, bring peace. We ask this through the power of the Triune God.

**C: Amen.**



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: and also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, give us grace to love one another, give us hope to follow you, and give us wisdom to bring peace to the world around us. Amen**

## FIRST READING

Job 37:5-13

God thunders wondrously with his voice. He does great things that we cannot comprehend. For to the snow he says, 'Fall on the earth', and the shower of rain: his heavy shower of rain, serves as a sign on everyone's hand, so that all whom he has made may know it. Then the animals go into their lairs and remain in their dens. From its chamber, comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds. By the breath of God, ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast. He loads the thick cloud with moisture; the clouds scatter his lightning. They turn round-and-round by his guidance to accomplish all that he commands them-on the face of the habitable world. Whether for correction, or for his land, or for love, he causes it to happen.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Isaiah 54:10

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*“Celtic Alleluia”*

ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the 'Celtic Alleluia'. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement under the notes.

GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

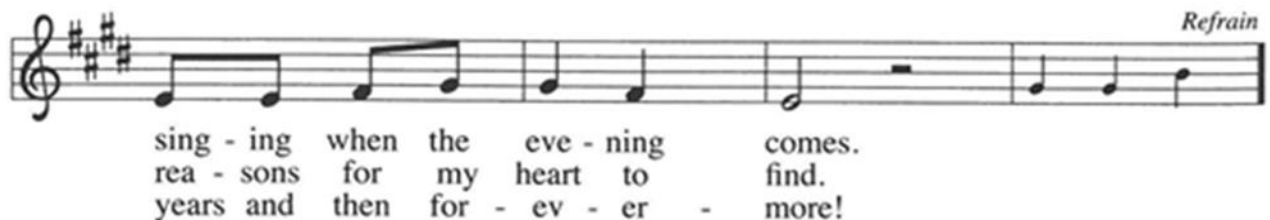
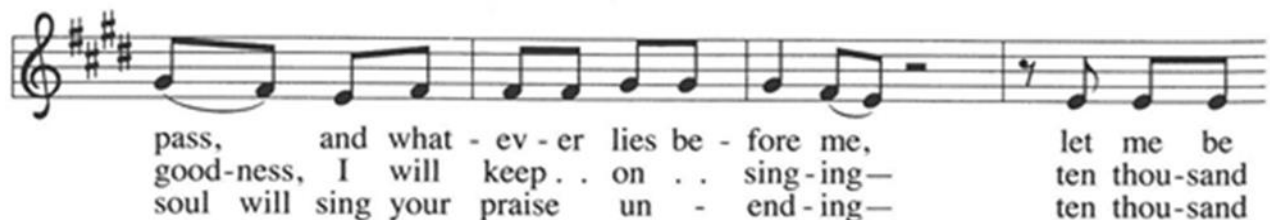
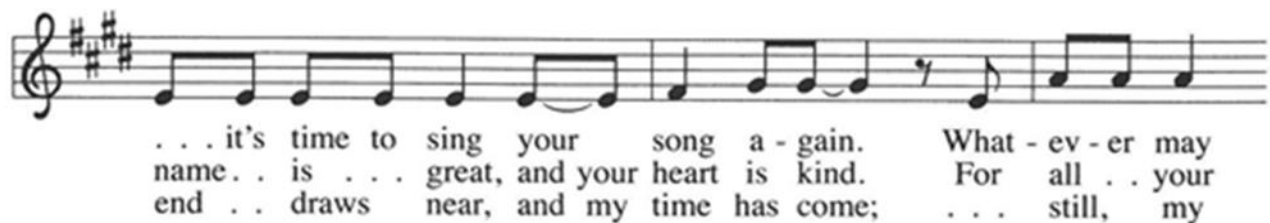
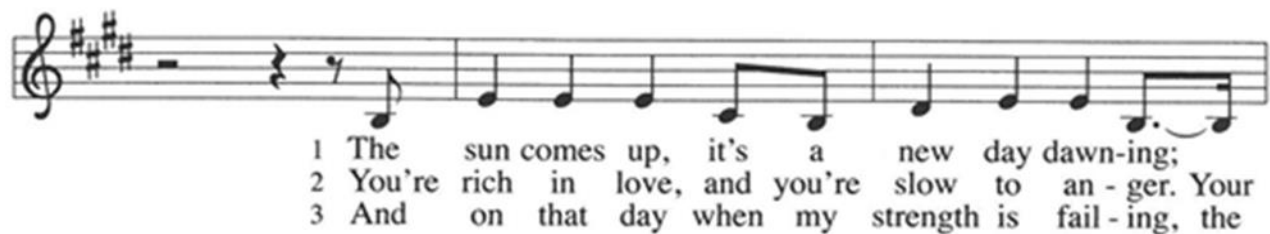
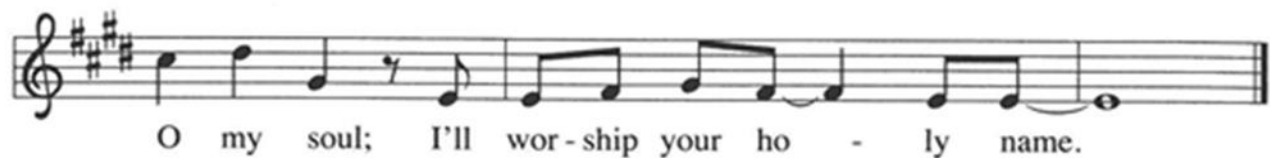
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**C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

*Pastor Shawna*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into truth. Give wisdom to world, local leaders, and organizations as they begin to renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and organizations in areas as they rebuild following conflict, unrest, and natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, you accompany your people during uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community and in the world who are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING





Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God,

**C: We give thanks for the gifts in our lives that you have provided for us. In the breaking of the bread and in the pouring of the wine, you are with us. Strengthen us with your wisdom as we guide our youth in being the leaders of the future. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: With hearts full of your love and mercy, we give thanks and praise to you our God.

L: With the angels, saints, and the heavenly hosts we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We invite Holy First Communion families & friends up together first to receive Holy Communion.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being because of you. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve one another with your humility and grace.

C: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

We invite the children up, to grab an instrument and join in singing our last hymn together.

## SENDING HYMN

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

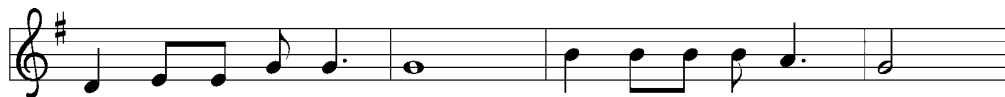
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1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*VRUECHTEN*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, let the love of God guide you now and forever.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## BELLS

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ATTENDANCE April 30: 54

Short-Term Prayer Requests: Norm Arlandson and Paultina Rollay

Long-Term Prayer Requests:

*(on-going spiritual support for recovery, life-transitions, conditions, and emotional support)*

Please pray for: Sharesti Anderson; Raelynn Anderson; Norm Arlandson; Jon Borodine; Allen Eckman; Linda Erickson (sister of Vicky Anderson); Carol Fisher; Jan Foster; Nancy Gallo; Doug Houge; Naomi Luxton (Pastor Shawna's niece); Bill L.; David & Andrea Olson; Brenda Robbins; Darlene Sandey; Mickey Trego; Peggy Williams & family; Carol (friend of Roxanne); Peter & family; and those we name in our hearts...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 7	9:45 AM Worship/Sunday School
Tuesday, May 9	11:00 AM MCLC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM RIC Meeting
Wednesday, May 10	5:30 PM Confirmation Class (St. Peder's) 7:00 PM Songs of My Life
Sunday, May 14	9:45 AM MCLC Worship/Sunday School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Rummage Sale**

WELCA is now accepting donations for the upcoming rummage sale on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted through May 17<sup>th</sup>, the earlier the better!

### **RIC meeting**

All are welcome, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

### **The Chosen**

All are welcome, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm